



# The Wines of Canada

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- Canada is a rising star in the wine world; this timely book explores its current commercial success
- Introduces all the major regions, explaining their history, climate and terroir and profiling prominent producers
- Rod Phillips is a long-time Canadian resident and an acknowledged wine expert and author

Wine has been made commercially in Canada since the mid-1800s but Canadian wine has only really begun to register with professionals and consumers outside the country in the last few decades, as quality has dramatically improved. Canadian wine is now being exported in meaningful volumes to the USA, Asia and Europe and since the beginning of this century the number of wineries has increased more than 250 per cent. In recent years wine regions have been demarcated (with some divided into sub-appellations), provincial wine laws have been adopted and indigenous and hybrid vines have largely been replaced by *Vitis vinifera* varieties in the main wine regions.

After taking readers through the history of winemaking in Canada, ***The Wines of Canada*** provides an overview of the country's wine regions, their climate, soil and other geographic conditions, and explains noteworthy viticultural and winemaking techniques, such as the practice in some regions of burying vines to protect them from extreme winter temperatures. Phillips details key producers of the main wine-producing provinces (British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia), assessing their wines and providing relevant details for those planning winery visits. The book concludes with appendices covering vintage reports, Canadian wine festivals and provincial wine-selling laws.

As the first comprehensive guide to one of the wine world's rising stars, ***The Wines of Canada*** is an eye-opening book for scholars, students and wine aficionados alike.

**Rod Phillips** is a professor of history at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. He has written a number of books on European history, and, more recently, on the history of food and drink, with books including *A Short History of Wine*, *Alcohol: A History* (named a Book of the Year for 2014 on [jancisrobinson.com](http://jancisrobinson.com)), *French Wine: A History* and *Wine: A Social and Cultural History of the Drink that Changed our Lives*. General Editor of the forthcoming six-volume *A Cultural History of Alcohol*, he writes regularly for the wine media and also judges in wine competitions.

